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Dear Ms. Henney:

Since there are no studies proving that irradiated foods are safe for human ingestion over a long period of time, and there are hazards, demonstrated many times, in transporting the radioactive material across the country and in storing it, irradiated food products seems a foolhardy proposition to foist on the public.

In the event that this process and your office succumb to the food industry's lobbying efforts, some freedom of choice should be observed. Those who desire to eat these products should not make that decision for those who do not. Therefore, the products themselves must be labeled prominently, and a menu needs to display that information, both easily read. Consumers want to be able to make their own decision whether they buy their food in the supermarket or in a restaurant.

Thank you for confirming the basic right of choice that our society expects.

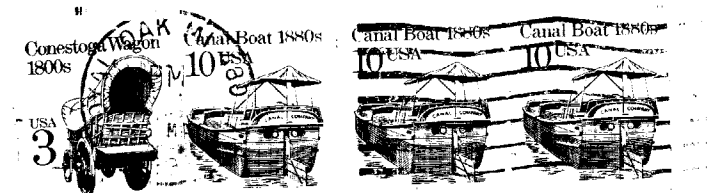
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